

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): An interposer to be located between a package substrate made of resin and an IC chip, having a plurality of through holes and in which a through hole conductor for connecting said package substrate with the IC chip electrically is formed, wherein Young's modulus of insulation base material constituting said interposer is 55 to 440GPa and the thickness of said insulation base material is the thickness of the package substrate x 0.05 or more to the thickness of the package substrate x 1.5 or less.

Claim 2 (Original): The interposer according to claim 1 wherein the thickness of said insulation base material is the thickness of core of the package substrate x 0.08 or more.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The interposer according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~ wherein the size of said insulation base material is equal to or larger than the projection area of an electronic component loaded on the interposer and equal to or less than the projection area of the package substrate.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The interposer according to claim 1, ~~2, 3~~ wherein of external electrode terminals formed in the IC chip, arrangement of the through holes in said insulation base material connected to a power source terminal and a ground terminal is in the form of a grid or in a staggered fashion.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The interposer according to claim ~~[[1-4]]~~ 1 wherein said package substrate is a multilayer printed wiring board.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The interposer according to claim [[1-5]] 1 wherein said through hole conductor is made of metal plating.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The interposer according to claim [[1-5]] 1 wherein said through hole conductor is made of metallic paste.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The interposer according to claim [[1-7]] 1 wherein as regards the sectional shape of a through hole in the insulation base material, the diameter of an opening in at least an end face is equal to or larger than the diameter of a hole in the center of the through hole.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A multilayer printed wiring board having ~~any one of~~ the ~~interposers~~ interposer according to claim [[1-8]] 1.